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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Intelligence Advisory Committee

SUBJECT: Progress Report to the IAC

REFERENCE: Memorandum, dated 1 October 1953, to Chairman,
NSCID #7 Committee, from Secretary, IAC, same
subject

1. Because of the present responsibilities and activities of the NSCID #7 Committee, we do not believe it would be appropriate to submit a report to the IAC. A brief review of the Committee's history and present status will explain why such a report is not necessary.

2. The NSCID #7 Committee was established in accordance with paragraph 3.f. of NSCID #7, which was issued by the NSC on 12 February 1948. The intelligence components of the Army, Navy, Air Force, State, AEC and the FBI all assigned representatives to the NSCID #7 Committee. The DDI of the Joint Intelligence Group, JCS, concurred as a member of the IAC in NSCID #7, but did not subsequently designate a representative to serve on the Committee.

3. The NSCID #7 Committee's initial meeting was held in March 1948. It was agreed that the group would henceforth meet on the second Wednesday of each succeeding month. The meetings were usually opened by the Chairman with a review of the activities of the Contact Division during the past month, followed by discussion of specific facets of the domestic collection program. The meetings provided a method of informing the other agencies of progress of the Contact Division, from the standpoint of policy, organization and procedures. The representatives of the other agencies acted as the focal point for any required implementing action within their respective agencies. The minutes of the NSCID #7 Committee meetings were duplicated and transmitted to the other agencies.

4. At a meeting during the fall of 1951, the State, FBI, Navy and Air Force representatives proposed the dissolution of the NSCID #7 Committee on the grounds that the domestic collection program had reached a state of such maturity as to obviate the necessity for monthly meetings. The Chairman noted that the Committee could only be abolished by NSC action. He recommended that the NSCID #7 Committee remain in existence, but that meetings only be held when basic policy issues

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arose. The other representatives concurred. The only problem meriting an NSCID #7 Committee meeting since that time was a proposal in April 1952 by the Signal Corps Intelligence Agency to take over the exploitation of the telecommunications industry in the US. At a meeting in May 1952, the group discussed in detail this proposal.

5. Although the NSCID #7 Committee has held only one meeting during the past two years, it has served a vital function in placing responsibility on individuals in the other agencies for coordination and implementation within the other agencies. For example, the ONI and CIA procedures for handling "salt water" sources within the US were worked out with the ONI representative. As another example, the AFOIN representative assisted the Contact Division

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A final example was the coordination on DCID 7/1, which was effected through the NSCID #7 Committee members. Because of the nature of the assistance required of the Committee members, they must be at the policy echelon.

6. Because of the present status of the NSCID #7 Committee, it is not deemed appropriate to submit a report to the IAC.

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Chairman, NSCID #7 Committee